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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed

December 28, 2005, the term for response to which expires on

March 28, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 are canceled, and claims 16-21 are added.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Dated: March 28, 2006

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